



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

May 23, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"To make a discovery is not necessarily the same as to understand a discovery." – Abraham Pais

"Explanations exist; they have existed for all times, for there is always an easy solution to every human problems — neat, plausible, and wrong." – H. L. Mencken

"My view is this: We teach nothing. We do not teach physics nor do we teach students. (I take physics merely as an example.) What is the same thing: No one is taught anything! Here lies the folly of this business. We try to teach somebody nothing. This is a sorry endeavour for no one can be taught a thing. What we do, if we are successful, is to stir interest in the matter at hand, awaken enthusiasm for it, arouse a curiosity, kindle a feeling, fire up the imagination. To my own teachers who handled me in this way, I owe a great and lasting debt." – Julius Sumner Miller

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." – T.S. Elliot

"Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others." – Jonathan Winters

"Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance." – Kurt Vonnegut

"Think wrongly, if you please, but in all cases think for yourself." – Doris Lessing

"The more we progress the more we tend to progress. We advance not in arithmetical but in geometrical progression. We draw compound interest on the whole capital of knowledge and virtue which has been accumulated since the dawning of time." – Arthur Conan Doyle

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Among Newly Discovered Ocean Species, a Baby Colossal Squid Is Filmed for the First Time

Colossal

The Art of the Beautiful Question #4

Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Watch Pablo Picasso's Creative Process Unfold in Real-Time: Rare Footage Shows Him Creating Drawings of Faces, Bulls & Chickens

Open Culture

Minnesota father-son duo's mesmerizing kinetic sculptures featured on the national stage

CBS Minnesota

Playful, wondrous public spaces built for community and possibility | Matthew Mazzotta

TED Fellows: Shape Your Future

How a typeface helped launch Apollo | Douglas Thomas

TEDxSanFrancisco

Watch “the unsung work of preserving the public record” in what one viewer calls “the best livestream on YouTube”

Nieman Lab

Stanford University marks a century of scientific discoveries

CBS News Bay Area

Virgenes del Sol

Bill Anschell

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrate America! Chairman's Grants in Honor of America's 250th Anniversary

National Endowment for the Humanities

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

wild kratts: ocean adventure!

National Childrens Museum

May 24 – September 7

Introducing the Neuroarts Resource Center

Aspen Institute

May 27 | Virtual

10th World Summit on Arts & Culture

International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)

May 27 - 30 | Seoul, South Korea

NEW Routledge Handbook of Arts and Global Development

World Bank Group

May 29 | Online

The State of the Science Address 2025

National Academy of Sciences

June 3

2025 Science Events Summit

Science Events

June 8 - 10 | Philadelphia, PA

NEW The Power of Music in Healthcare: Creative Considerations for Music Professionals

Johns Hopkins Peabody Preparatory

June 9 - 13

Apply Now! Velocity Business Accelerator

Center for Creative Economy

Deadline: June 10

NEW Empowering Future Innovators: Assessing Student STEM Engagement Today with Encourage

STEMconnector

June 12

Explore Design Practice and Pedagogy

2025 AIGA Design Educators Conference | Normal, Illinois

June 12–13

RFP 24-005: Creative Economy Regional Engagement Partners

California Arts Council, Cal eProcure

Deadline: June 13

RFP 24-006: Creative Economy Strategic Communications Partner

California Arts Council, Cal eProcure

Deadline: June 13

The 10th International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada, iCAN 2025

Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS)

Registration Deadline: June 15

2025 Creative Problem Solving Institute (CPSI)

Creative Education Foundation

June 22 - 26 | Buffalo, NY

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference

Creativity Rising

July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

NEW NEH Announces New Grant Program for Cultural Organizations on the People, Events, and Legacy of 1776

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: July 9

2025 Summit Features Inspiring Keynotes, Deep-Dive Sessions and Hands-On Workshops for Educators

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education

July 15 – 17

NEW National Air and Space Museum to reveal more renovated galleries on July 28

Space.com

July 28

ArtPrize 2025 to Ignite Grand Rapids with 16 Days of Art & Creativity

KARK

September 18 - October 4

NEW Imagine. Create. Activate! | Chicago 2025

Creative Placemaking Communities

September 22 - 24 | Chicago, IL

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI

The Dallas Morning News

October 9

2025 Prospectus

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 16 – 26

Social Connection Conference

Foundation for Social Connection

October 28 - 30

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2024/2025

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

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Creativity Matters Journal | Issue 3, 2025

Atlantic Centre for Creativity

How \$24,000 Grew to a \$6 Million Nonprofit Supporting Craftswomen

Innovation | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Are groundbreaking science discoveries becoming harder to find?

Nature

Prepare for the Post Work World

gapingvoid

Gen Z is tired of hearing they're lazy and will only work remotely: 'People talk about us but not to us'

Fortune

New CRISPR technology could help repair damaged neurons

Stanford Report | Stanford University

Is the Partnership for American Innovation Gone?

Opinion | Inside Higher Ed

Governor Katie Hobbs Announces Members of Arizona's First AI Steering Committee

Office of Governor Katie Hobbs

Trump Has Cut Science Funding to Its Lowest Level in Decades

The New York Times

Government cutting Alberta Innovates budget, setting new direction

CBC News

Scientists design gene delivery systems for cells in the brain and spinal cord
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

America is on the precipice of an academic brain drain
Science & Technology | The Economist

OneStream and Girls Who Code announce partnership that aims to empower women developers in technology and finance
Ed Tech Innovation Hub

Prescription for Change: Policy Recommendations for Women's Health Research
The World Economic Forum

Also

Why more must be done to close the women's health research gap
The World Economic Forum

When AI-Generated Art Enters the Market, Consumers Win — and Artists Lose
Insights | Stanford Graduate School of Business

Enhancing college students' creativity through virtual reality technology: a systematic literature review
Humanities & Social Sciences Communications | Nature

A hands-on experience in engineering
News | St. Olaf College

Responsible innovation: How technology practitioners can drive environmental stewardship
World Economic Forum

Go show the world why Creative Thought Matters
Skidmore College

Arts Commentary: The Battle for Imagination — Unravelling America's Cultural Infrastructure
The Arts Fuse

First Ph.D. in creativity class graduates from one-of-a-kind program
Rowan Today | Rowan University

Rethinking literary creativity in the digital age: a comparative study of human versus AI playwriting
Nature

Our future may depend on the humanities
Wonkhe

What could happen to humanities degrees with Texas lawmakers' push for job prep?
Dallas Morning News

Are young American men lonelier than women? New poll adds to debate.

The Washington Post

Jupiter was once twice as large as it is today

Popular Science

Can Scientists Harness the Magic of Mushrooms to Clean Up Polluted Landscapes?

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Magic Johnson And Angel Reese Launch Financial Literacy Program

People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

Salmon in the Pacific Northwest Are Facing a New Threat: Booming Populations of Seals and Sea Lions

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

The bond market is breaking. Washington just made it worse

Gizmodo

'You GUYS!' as journalism - How Pablo Torre and Serial present a new way to approach our stories

Sports Media Guy

Is Simplicity Killing Creativity? | Felipe Zamana

LinkedIn

How Electives Help All Students Succeed

Interest-Based Learning | Edutopia

Low-Cost, High-Interest Elementary STEM Activities

STEM | Edutopia

In Her Own Words: Alix Lebec's 'Cambodian moment' transformed her career

Bizwomen

David Lazer, Executive Who Joined the World of Muppets, Dies at 89

The New York Times

A Blood Test for Alzheimer's: What to Know

The New York Times

Salt-N-Pepa Demands Its Master Recordings in Lawsuit

The New York Times

Arts in Health Today | May 2025 Newsletter

Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida College of the Arts

Awards in Craft

Maxwell | Hanrahan Foundation

Startup enables 100-year bridges with corrosion-resistant steel

MIT News

Unravelling cysteine-deficiency-associated rapid weight loss

Nature

OpenAI is buying iPhone designer Jony Ive's AI devices startup for \$6.4 billion

CNBC

Also

Jony Ive and Sam Altman, Sitting in a Tree, 'K-I-L-L-I-N-G' the Smartphone

Gizmodo

Why this EV charging company just helped electrify an entire village in Senegal

Impact | Fast Company

The world's first genetically modified spider could lead to new 'supermaterials'

Design | Fast Company

Neuroscientists have discovered why 'aha moments' stick in your brain long after you have them

Fast Company

Forget return-to-office. Hybrid now means human plus AI

The Future of Work | Fast Company

Why we should reconsider the meaning of open spaces

Impact Council | Fast Company

How libraries are becoming launchpads for music careers

Impact Council | Fast Company

Social media is influencing how authors promote their books. Here's how

Culture | NPR

The 3 Things You'll Need No Matter What Comes Next

The Uncertainty Principle | Psychology Today

From Inspiration to Impact

Radical Sabbatical | Psychology Today

The Myth of Instant Knowledge

Philosophies in Psychology | Psychology Today

It May Be Too Late for Rural Libraries to Weather the IMLS Storm

Publishers Weekly

Embracing the Soft Power of Art - Across the globe, more and more cities and countries are investing in the arts, with the aim of driving economic growth — and

burnishing their images.

The New York Times

What if Making Cartoons Becomes 90% Cheaper?

The New York Times

Los Angeles Mayor Seeks to Lure Filming Back by Cutting Red Tape

The New York Times

Lucas Museum layoffs hit 14% of its full-time staff, including education team

Yahoo! News, Los Angeles Times

Can We Trust Social Science Yet?

Asterisk Magazine

Woolfish Perception

Liberties Journal

How to Succeed at Failing, Part 4: Extreme Resiliency (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

The Value of Small Wins and the Progress Principle with Dr. Teresa Amabile (Part Two)

Fueling Creativity in Education Podcast

Also

Extrinsic and Intrinsic Motivation in the Classroom with Dr. Teresa Amabile (Part One)

Fueling Creativity in Education Podcast

How Bathabile Ramalapa is making a place for chemistry in health innovation

Chemistry World

New Open Interval Cohort Will Explore Symmetry Through Art and Science

Simons Foundation

Salvador Dalí's Surrealist Screenplay 'Giraffes on Horseback Salad' Was Never Made. Can A.I. Bring It to Life?

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Ask Marcia: How innovators embrace uncertainty

Bizwomen

In a Time of Political Uncertainty, Culture Bearers Lead the Way: ACTA Announces Round Two of the Taproot Fellowship

Taproot Artists & Community Trust

A complete list of Round Two Taproot Fellowship recipients may be found [here](#).

U.S. Says It Wants Trade, Not Aid, in Africa. Cuts Threaten Both.

The New York Times

Classic Rock Legend, 81, Has Exciting Career News

Yahoo! Entertainment, Parade

'Cheers' Stars Ted Danson, Rhea Perlman and More Pay Tribute to George Wendt: 'It Was Impossible Not to Like Him'

Variety

The World Is Changing. Are We Teaching the Right Skills?

Big Thought

Stitching the Threads Together - A Cross-Disciplinary Literature Review on Youth Arts Engagement and Well-Being

RAND

How Google is rethinking search in an AI-filled world

Tech | Fast Company

Why you shouldn't 'Follow your dreams'

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Cartwheel uses AI to make 3D animation 100 times faster for creators and studios

Applied AI | Fast Company

How bringing nature into your workspace can jump-start productivity

Design | Fast Company

The path to battery leadership for the U.S. starts with tech

Impact Council | Fast Company

Space tourism's rise challenges how we define astronauts and exploration

Tech | Fast Company

The White Sox unveil a multimedia installation to honor Pope Leo

Design | Fast Company

'Dilbert' creator Scott Adams says he's dying of 'the same cancer that Joe Biden has'

Art & Design | NPR

Benchmarking Innovation Performance

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"How do I get the most out of my people?"

Seth's Blog

This generation is facing a host of completely unique health threats

Health | National Geographic

3 of Mexico's lesser-known archaeological wonders

Travel | National Geographic

The 3 Things You'll Need No Matter What Comes Next

The Uncertainty Principle | Psychology Today

Lincoln Center Unveils Renderings For \$335 Million Project That Includes New Outdoor Theater And Removal Of Much-Hated Block-Length Wall

Deadline

The Marine Veteran Who Counteracts Boot Camp With Ballet

The New York Times

A \$50 million magic theater is coming to Chicago's Magnificent Mile

TimeOut | Chicago

They Cheated Themselves...But Don't Realize Why: Eternally In Search of the Thinker's High

3 Quarks Daily

Right Now Is Publishing's Time to Shine

Publishers Weekly

Marked decline in semicolons in English books, study suggests

Language | The Guardian

India's Banu Mushtaq makes history with International Booker win

BBC News

Also

'Heart Lamp' wins International Booker, with stories of India's Muslim women and girls

Books | NPR

After a Tornado, a Rural Indiana City Finds Connection Through Music

Arts Midwest

'The Barbarians Are at the Gates'

The Chronicle of Higher Education

How Wisconsin ingenuity is shaping the future

100 Years WARF | WI Alumni Research Foundation | UW-Madison

The Mystery of Effortless Creativity

Out of Darkness | Psychology Today

Why the future of fashion is 'farm to closet'

Environment | National Geographic

Four methods for leading through uncertainty

IDEO Journal

Health insurance is fundamentally broken. Here's how to fix it from the ground up
The Big Idea | Fast Company

We Are Labubu
gapingvoid

10 Essential Reads on Innovation
MIT Sloan Management Review

To Unlock Innovation, Guide Your Team Through Creative Collaboration
IDEO Blog

Also
How Mike Peng Builds Creative Collaboration Across Cultures and Disciplines
IDEO Blog

Remarks by Director Kratsios at the National Academy of Sciences
The White House

How to lead a more creative life
Life Kit | NPR

What Spinoza's Metaphysics Can Reveal to Us About the Creative Process
Literary Hub

L.A. Aims to Lower Production Costs by Requiring Only One City Staffer on Film Sets
Variety

How 3D printing is personalizing health care
The Conversation

I'm a professional video editor and filmmaker. My take on how tech and creativity intersect
Mashable

Former MIT president says Trump's immigration policies are hurting innovation
All Things Considered | NPR

Enhancing civil engineering education through innovative STEM-based prototyping: a comparative study of physical models and board games in geometric road design
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications | Nature

The 7 Steps of the Design Thinking Process
IDEO Blog

UW Tech Exploration Lab student projects highlight innovation, emerging technologies
UW-Madison News

New Technology and Innovation Office to support state's growth in targeted industries

Source NM | New Mexico

Bridging the Gender Divide: Empowering Women in STEM

Devdiscourse

Is it time to retire the word "Dementia"?

Michael Russo | LinkedIn

Teaching Students to Identify and Attack Misinformation

Inside Higher Ed

Canada appoints first AI minister

GovInsider

Calgary Emerges as Canada's Fastest-Growing Startup Ecosystem in 2025

Calgary.tech

Brain oscillations reveal dynamic shifts in creative thought during metaphor generation

PsyPost

How do extremists get that way? Probably quite naturally.

The Harvard Gazette

Beyond intuition: Using mathematical models to shape behavior

Phys.org

How the Grand Ole Opry Put Uniquely American Music at Center Stage

Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

Um, No, We're Not Colonizing Mars

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

A Scientist Fighting Nuclear Armageddon Hid a 50-Year Secret

The New York Times

6 ways effective leaders think like astronauts

Career Evolution | Fast Company

ILM is embracing AI like any other tool, and you should too

Design | Fast Company

pgLang: Kendrick Lamar's visionary agency disrupting Hollywood, music, events, and ads

Creativity | Fast Company

What libraries are getting rid of after Trump's order to dismantle the IMLS

Impact | Fast Company

Teams that build winning products use these 5 strategies from the start

Work Life | Fast Company

How to get to Sesame Street? Kids can now head to Netflix as well as PBS

Television | NPR

Also

Netflix's 'Sesame Street' deal is a PR coup for the ages

Fast Company

'Sesame Street,' Facing Crisis, Signs New Deal With Netflix

The New York Times

Breakthrough stretchy battery moves like toothpaste and could power pacemakers and hearing aids

Live Science

Researchers puzzle over rash of baby monkey kidnappings

Short Wave | All Things Considered | NPR

Transform Your Innovation Approach with One Word

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The most important decision

Seth's Blog

7 of the best new museums to visit this year

National Geographic

The Psychological Cost of Constant Disruption

Code & Conscience | Psychology Today

The rebrand that went full circle: HBO Max to new HBO Max

The Conversation

Spotify is sorry that it revealed how many people listen to your podcast

The Verge

This book club has been reading the same book for 12 years. They're not even close to done.

Texas Standard

The Brilliant Milky Way Connects Photographers Around the Globe and Beyond in an Annual Contest

Colossal

The Opinion That Ate the Paper

Intelligencer | New York Magazine

First human bladder transplant performed at UCLA

UCLA Health

15+ greatest women in STEM

Interesting Engineering

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival 'changes lives'

American Legion

Teen Musician-Scientists

From the Top | NPR

The entangled brain - The brain is much less like a machine than it is like the murmurations of a flock of starlings or an orchestral symphony

Aeon Essays

Georgia Governor signs legislation that ensures long-term viability and stability of Georgia's film tax credit

Georgia Screen Entertainment Coalition

SAG-AFTRA Slaps 'Fortnite' With Unfair Labor Practice Complaint Over James Earl Jones' AI-Recreated Voice of Darth Vader

Variety

75th Annual Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair Awards Teen Scientists from Around the World More Than \$9 Million in 2025 Competition

Society for Science

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Full Awards: Teen Scientists Win More Than \$9 Million at 75th Annual Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair

Society for Science

Winning the Race for the Future with the National Science Foundation - On the 75th Anniversary of NSF

National Science Board

Setting the SCENE for Neuroscience Breakthroughs

Mellon College of Science | Carnegie Mellon University

New film highlights the hidden impact of climate change on brain health

EurekAlert! | AAAS

Trump Demands 'Major Investigations' Into Bruce Springsteen, Beyoncé, Bono and Oprah, Repeating Baseless Rumors Superstars Were Paid Off to Support Kamala Harris

Variety

Netflix Picks Up 'Sesame Street' Worldwide Streaming Rights After Max Deal Ends

Variety

Václav Havel on How to Hold Your Failure

The Marginalian

MIT Backs Away From Paper Claiming Scientists Make More Discoveries with AI

Gizmodo

This Is What Your Brain Looks Like When You Solve a Problem

Gizmodo

The Rise of Women in STEM Why More Young Women Are Choosing Careers in Biology and Ecology

Discover Wild Science

The HBCU Mixtape Research Revolution: Dr. Ivory A. Toldson Calls for Innovation Over Imitation

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

Wisconsin is at the center of emerging scientific field with answers to 'nature vs. nurture'

Wisconsin Public Radio

Space tourism's growth blurs the line between scientific and symbolic achievement – a tourism scholar explains how

The Conversation

Times Sq. Sculpture Prompts Racist Backlash. To Some, That's the Point.

The New York Times

Beginning a New Chapter, Surrounded by Books

The New York Times

Movie Tariffs Could Open a Pandora's Box

The New York Times

Nicole Kidman Has Now Worked With 27 Women Directors in 8 Years; She Urges 'Financial Mentors' to Invest in Unknown Female Filmmakers and 'Take a Risk'

Variety

Your 48-70% Perfect Friend

gapingvoid

From lab to market: Monetizing R&D

Impact Council | Fast Company

The case for cooperation

Impact Council | Fast Company

I'm a high schooler who does Model U.N. Trump's America First 'diplomacy' is ruining the experience

Design | Fast Company

All 14 parts of this shoulder bag are made from the exact same material—even the zipper

Impact | Fast Company

‘LegoGPT’ designs Lego models with nothing but a prompt

Design | Fast Company

Amid global competition for production business, Hollywood is hurting

Culture | NPR

Top 10 Human-Centered Change & Innovation Articles of April 2025

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The Impact Matrix: Moving to the golden quadrant

Seth's Blog

In North Carolina, a Sea of Oxygen Bubbles Is Spreading Across the State, and auguring a different way of thinking about how people learn . . .

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Barbie's feet have grown flatter—echoing women's evolving professional lives

DesignTAXI

What Is an Artist Residency?

Smoking Cigarettes, Eating Glass | Psychology Today

Boredom Fuels the Imagination

The Main Ingredient | Psychology Today

Be the Conductor of Your Life

Resonant Minds | Psychology Today

Hollywood Couldn't Imagine a Star Like This One

The New York Times

The US, the country with which Mexico has co-produced the most films in the last year

Economy and Business | El País

North Dakota's Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library will redefine what a presidential library can be

Fast Company

The loss of the NEA isn't just about money. It's about civil society.

Yahoo! Entertainment | The Washington Post

How Paperbacks Transformed the Way Americans Read

Mental Floss

We Don't Have Any Reserves

Los Angeles Review of Books

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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